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P R 140550Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8909

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC, APER, CB

SUBJ: ROCKET ATTACK CASUALTIES

REF: PHNOM PENH 692 (NOTAL)

1. ENEMY'S USE OF INDISCRIMINATE ROCKETING ON PHNOM PENH
HAS BEGUN TO STRIKE SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO HOME.

2. ON JAN 13 AT ABOUT 3 PM A ROCKET LANDED IN A TREE
OVERLOOKING COMPOUND BEHIND DCM'S HOUSE, INHABITED BY
SERVANTS AND MILITARY POLICE GUARDS. A 6-MONTH OLD CHILD
AND THE 16-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF DCM'S COOK WERE INJURED,
NOT SERIOUSLY, HOSPITALIZED BRIEFLY AND RELEASED. SAME
WAS TRUE FOR A MILITARY POLICE GUARD AND THE WIFE OF ANOTHER
GUARD. HOWEVER, 9-YEAR OLD SON OF ANOTHER MP GUARD WAS
HOSPITALIZED AT CALMETTE HOSPITAL WITH MORE SERIOUS SHRAPNEL
INJURY BENEATH THE JAW, FROM WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HE DIED
THIS MORNING.

3. AS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, ON MORNING OF JAN 12 ANOTHER
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ROCKET LANDED ON RAILING JUST OUTSIDE WINDOW OF OFFICE

IN HOME OF ICRC REP FRANCOIS PEREZ. LATTER HAD LEFT HIS HOUSE 10 MINUTES EARLIER AND THEREFORE WAS NOT HURT. TWO ROOMS WERE BADLY DAMAGED AND PEREZ AND WIFE WERE FORCED TO MOVE TO LOCAL HOTEL. I OFFERED THEM HOSPITALITY OF MY RESIDENCE UNTIL DAMAGE REPAIRED BUT PEREZ PREFERRED REMAIN AT HOTEL.

4. FINALLY, FATHER OF EMBASSY MOTOR VEHICLE DESPATCHER WAS KILLED BY A ROCKET AT NEAK LUONG ON JAN 11.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD DEPT PLEASE INFORM MR. AND MRS. KEELEY OF ABOVE, ADDING THAT EMBASSY IS TAKING CARE OF MEDICAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR CHILD OF GUARD. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO DCM'S RESIDENCE OR PROPERTY.
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